

Elnathan Higgins House
Pamet Point Road
Wellfleet
Barnstable County
Massachusetts

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location - North side of Pamet Point Road, about halfway between Hiway 6 and Old County Road, Town of Wellfleet, Barnstable County, Massachusetts.

Present owner - Silas S. Clark.

Present occupant - Mr. and Mrs. Silas S. Clark.

Present use - permanent residence.

Significance.- A good example of a Greek Revival house, version of the Cape Cod house, located within the area of the proposed Cape Cod National Seashore.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Original and subsequent owners - No deeds prior to 1864, when John S. Higgins conveyed. Labelled Higgins on wall map of 1858, based on survey of 1843 ff.

Date of erection - verbally dated 1837 - apparently before 1843.

Architect - unknown.

Builder - unknown.

Plans, original - None known to exist.

Alterations and additions Some interior modifications in plan, although the ell is original. Mantels in living room and dining room are replacements, copied after mantels in Jack Kahn house, South Pamet Road, Truro, Mass.

Historical events connected with structure - None known.

Important old views - The Clarks have various pictures showing the house at different times, mainly modern photos.

Sources of information - The present owner.

Likely sources not yet investigated - See owner, who has made a hobby of tracing Titles to property in this area. He is an Attorney.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

GENERAL STATEMENT

Architectural interest and merit - A good example, in excellent condition of a Greek Revival house, version of Cape Cod "double house", central door flanked by two window rooms on west and east sides.

Condition - Excellent.

THE EXTERIOR

Overall dimensions - not taken.

Foundations - Brick.

Wall construction - Heavy frame construction, wall not exposed.
Clapboard exterior south front, and shingled sides and rear.

Porches, stoops - Two terraces, one of stone at west of house, and one of brick and concrete at east of house, modern construction.

Chimneys - Central brick chimney at ridge over original house and brick chimney on ridge at east end of east kitchen ell.

Openings - doorways and doors - Two vertical panels in wood front door, at south entrance. Pilasters at sides, with 5 side lights; entablature above doorway.

windows - 9/6 lights in wood double hung sash. Solid wood shutters.

Roof - shape, covering - Gabled, pitched, modern composition shingles.

cornice, eaves - Wood box cornice; narrow eaves; wood gutter and down spouts.

dormers - dormer on north added in 1930.

THE INTERIOR

Floor plans - Originally a three main room house, with the entry flanked by two window rooms at the north and the south. House was remodeled by various owners, with additions, and alterations.

Stairs - Front stair off of entry, narrow, steep. Rear stair near pantry.

Flooring - Some old random width pine boards, some modern narrow flooring.

Wall and ceiling finish - Plastered walls and ceilings. Wainscoting to height of window stools.

Doorways and doors - 4 and 5 panel interior wood doors.

Trim - Fine fireplace paneling and mantels in living room and dining room.

Hardware - Mostly modern.

Lighting - electric.

Heating - Central heat.

SITE

Orientation - House faces south, on north side of road, lee of hill, in well planted, pleasant setting.

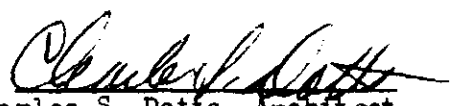
Enclosures - Fence east of house.

Outbuildings - Studio and office close to east entrance; greenhouse next to it; two car garage and work shop about 30 yards east of house.

Walks, driveways, Brick walks, good black top driveway from road to garage and parking place east of house.

Landscaping, gardens - Informal planting of shrubs, trees and many flowers. The owner has done a remarkable job of planting this place. Below the house, between it and the house is one continuous flower bed, and below the road is another flower garden.

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